

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S
COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
March 2017**

- North Carolina State Board of Education (SBE) policy establishes the Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children as an advisory council to the SBE, as required in Section 300.650-300.653 of federal law, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and North Carolina law (115C-121).
- Each state must establish and maintain a State advisory panel on the education of children with disabilities. The panel must be appointed by the Governor or any other official authorized under State law to make these appointments. A majority of the Council must be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities.
- Functions of the Council
 - Advise the SEA (State Education Agency) of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities
 - Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the State regarding the education of children with disabilities
 - Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data
 - Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings in Federal monitoring reports
 - Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities
 - Carry out any other responsibility as designated by federal law or the SBE
- Membership: The Council consists of a minimum of 24 members as follows:
 - Two members appointed by the Governor
 - ❖ One individual with a disability
 - ❖ One representative of a private school
 - Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
 - ❖ One member of the Senate
 - ❖ One parent of a child with a disability
 - Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House

- ❖ One member of the House of Representatives
- ❖ One parent of a child with a disability
- Fourteen (minimum) members appointed by the State Board of Education
 - ❖ Parents of children with disabilities
 - ❖ Individuals with disabilities
 - ❖ Teachers
 - ❖ Institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel
 - ❖ State and local education officials
 - ❖ Administrators of programs for children with disabilities
 - ❖ Representatives of private schools and public charter schools
 - ❖ Representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities
- Four members designated by Federal regulations who are representatives of other State agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities; and representatives from the State juvenile and adult corrections agencies. In state law these members are referred to as ex officio members. The ex officio members are:
 - ❖ Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Secretary's designee
 - ❖ Secretary of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention or the Secretary's designee
 - ❖ Secretary of Corrections or the Secretary's designee
 - ❖ Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's designee
- Terms of office:
 - Terms of appointment for all members except those appointed by the SBE is two years
 - Terms for members appointed by the SBE are four years. No person shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.
 - Designated/ex officio members serve terms of their office

For questions about this Council, contact the Division of Exceptional Children at (919) 807-3969.

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	Members	Term	Region	Occupation / Title
<u>STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION</u>				
Four-year appointments				
	Leanna George	7/1/15-6/30/19	North Central	Parent of Children with Disabilities
	Cynthia Daniels-Hall	7/1/15-6/30/19	North Central	Parent of Children with Disabilities
	Katie Holler	7/1/14-6/30/18	Northeast	Parent of Children with Disabilities
	Diane Coffey	7/1/17-6/30/21	Northwest	Parent of Children with Disabilities
	Elena Roberts	7/1/15-6/30/19	Sandhills	Parent of Children with Disabilities
	Jennine Vlasaty	7/1/15-6/30/19	North Central	Parent of Children with Disabilities
	Leslie Sellers	7/1/17-6/30/21	Sandhills	Parent of Children with Disabilities
	Jennifer DeGen	7/1/15-6/30/18	Southwest	Parent of Children with Disabilities
	Vicki Simmons	7/1/14-6/30/18	Piedmont-Triad	Special Education Teacher (PreK-12)
	Gina Smith	7/1/14-6/30/18	Southwest	LEAs
	Greg Singleton	7/1/14-6/30/18	Northeast	General Education Administrator
	Dr. Dale Carpenter	7/1/14-6/30/18	Western	Institutions of Higher Education
	Susan Humbert	7/1/13-6/30/17	Southwest	Charter Schools
	Christy Hutchinson	7/1/17-7/30/21	Southwest	
	Mary LaCorte	7/1/13-6/30/17	Southwest	Parent Training Information Center
	Lisa Phillips	7/1/13-6/30/17	Piedmont-Triad	McKinney-Vento-Homeless Assistance Act
	Jennifer Grady	7/1/14-6/30/18	North Central	Voc., Comm., or Bus. (Transition)
<u>EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS</u>				
Two-year appointments				
	Heather A. Grant	3/20/15-6/30/18	North Central	Individual with a Disability
	Tim Montgomery	7/1/14-6/30/18	North Central	Private School Representative
<u>LEGISLATIVE APPOINTMENTS</u>				
Two-year appointments				
	Senator Chad Barefoot	7/1/15-6/30/17	North Central	Senator
	Teresa Mebane	7/1/15-6/30/17	Southeast	Parent of a Child with a Disability
	Dennis Riddell	7/1/15-6/30/17	Southwest	Representative
	Vacant	7/1/15-6/30/17		Parent of a Child with a Disability
<u>STATE AGENCY MEMBERS</u>				
	William J. Hussey	Ex Officio		State Superintendent of Public Instruction's Designee

Carla McNeill	Ex Officio	Department of Health and Human Services – Child Welfare
Jason Vogler	Ex Officio	Department of Health and Human Services – Mental Health
Rickey Smith	Ex Officio	Department of Correction
O. Martin Pharr	Ex Officio	Department of Public Safety
